

## --- 15 Pounds - Montreal Division - Red Warehousing Stamps - 106 x 48 mm. - (1874-1883) ---

[ Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002 ]

"In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehouse (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The 'large' stamp was issued in denominations of five, ten and fifteen pounds. Unlike the case with the smaller denominations, the duty collected on these stamps was based on the actual net weight of the package to which they were affixed.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

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<b>1st BABN Contract</b> (1868-1873)	John McKay reports that 47,000 copies of "15 lb., W. H. E. Red" were delivered. Prior to 1874, these would be in the Division Open format.
<b>2nd BABN Contract</b> (1873-1878)	John McKay reports that 70,000 copies of "15 lb., Red Tobacco" were delivered. There were 35,000 for Division Open; 25,000 for the Montreal Division and 10,000 for the Toronto Division - the Montreal and Toronto quantities are only my estimates. John McKay <i>does not</i> report any "15 lb., Red Tobacco" delivered under the 3rd Contract.

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The catalogue lists the 15 pound Montreal Division red warehousing stamps as follows:

**RM-150†** - 15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, perf 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove, with 5 mm. controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne*, with the 55 mm. **MONTREAL & OTTAWA** imprint

**RM-151** - RM-150 stamped *J. L. Vincent / Acting Coll.* - **WANTED!**

**RM-152** - RM-150 stamped *J. L. Vincent / Coll.*

Chris Ryan's research indicates that *Dunbar Browne* was replaced by *J.L. Vincent* on April 30th 1879

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### --- The "theoretical" control number range on the 15 pound Montreal Division red warehousing stamps ---

<b>RM-150</b> - 15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd medium wove - <i>Dunbar Browne</i>	<b>00001</b> to <b>25000</b>
<b>RM-151</b> - RM-150 stamped <i>J. L. Vincent / Acting Coll.</i>	from above
<b>RM-152</b> - RM-150 stamped <i>J. L. Vincent / Coll.</i>	from above

### --- The "actual" control number range, as recorded to date ---

<b>RM-150</b> - 15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd wove - <i>Dunbar Browne</i>	- no numbered copies
<b>RM-151</b> - RM-150 stamped <i>J. L. Vincent / Acting Coll.</i>	- no numbered copies
<b>RM-152</b> - RM-150 stamped <i>J. L. Vincent / Coll.</i>	- <b>01360</b> to <b>01431</b>

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--- 15 Pounds - Montreal Division - Red Warehousing Stamps - 106 x 48 mm. - 1874 ---

--- printed on *block wmkd* medium wove at Ottawa under the 2nd BABN Contract - 106 x 48 mm. design ---

--- perf 12 - with 5 mm. controls - scanned at 100% scale - inscribed *Dunbar Browne, / Coll. Int<sup>d</sup> Rev.* ---

--- with the 55 mm. MONTREAL & OTTAWA imprint ---

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The collection **does not contain** a control-numbered *block watermarked* copy of the fifteen pound Montreal Division red warehousing stamp recess printed on medium wove - **WANTED!**



★**RM-150nP** - 15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, perf 12, on *block watermarked* medium wove, without controls, 55 mm. imprint "BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. MONTREAL & OTTAWA"



★**RM-150n** - 15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, perf 12 (clipped), on *block watermarked* medium wove, without controls, 55 mm. imprint "BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. MONTREAL & OTTAWA"



--- the bottom left corner of **RM-150 TP** - scanned at 300% scale ---

The collection contains many of these clipped imperforate "TP" stamps (from the Morris collection) which under magnification shows signs of original perforation. I sincerely doubt that any philatelist would have mutilated the stamps in this manner. At the time it was illegal to possess tax-paid stamps in mint condition, and even used examples were by law to be broken on opening the package. I feel that BABN, as a favour to a philatelist, clipped the perforations prior to releasing this *control-free* stamp.

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--- RM-152 - RM-150 stamped *J. L. Vincent / Coll.* in black ink ---



★RM-152 - 15 pounds, Montreal, red, perf 12, recess printed on *block wmkd* medium wove paper, with 5 mm. control **01378**, stamped *J.L. Vincent / Coll.* in black ink

<b>01360</b>	RM-152	15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>01362</b>	RM-152	15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>01378</b>	RM-152	15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>01385</b>	RM-152	15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>01387</b> ★	RM-152	15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>01399</b>	RM-152	15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>01412</b>	RM-152	15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>01418</b>	RM-152	15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>01427</b>	RM-152	15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>01431</b>	RM-152	15 pounds, red, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove

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